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SUBJ: PRESS INTERVIEW BY NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR KIM

1. ROK PRESS FEBRUARY 25 REPORTS INTERVIEW BY NEWLY DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SIK. ACCORDING THESE REPORTS, KIM NOTED PRESS SPECULATIONS RE CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD KOREA, BUT SAID HE DID NOT THINK TRADITIONAL U.S.-ROK FRIENDSHIP WOULD CHANGE, SUGGESTED "WE CAN NARROW THE GAP OF DIFFERING U.S.-ROK VIEWS THROUGH DIALOGUE." HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT RENEWING FRIENDSHIP WITH U.S. ACQUANTANCES, STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ALLIANCE WITH U.S. AND NEED FOR STRENGTHENING IT, AND EMPHASIZED COMMON INTERESTS AS BASIS FOR CONTINUING CLOSE TIES DESPITE SOME DIFFERING VIEWS. HE NOTED "THERE MAY BE DIFFERENT OPINIONS AMONG A FAMILY EVEN IN RELOCATING FURNITURE IN THE HOME."

2. COMMENT: KIM IS CLEARLY ADHERING TO THE LOW-KEY TRADITONAL DIPLOMATIST APPROACH FOR WHICH HE IS KNOWN. SNEIDER

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